

Local Education Agency
Ad Hoc Workgroup Meeting
October 3, 2007 Meeting Summary

Location: Sacramento City Unified School District

ATTENDEES:

	Name	Organization/Title
1.	Liz Touhey	DHCS, Safety Net Financing
2.	John DiCecco	Los Angeles Unified School District (USD)
3.	Laura Baynham	Mendocino County Office of Education (COE)
4.	Cathy Bennett	Sacramento City USD
5.	Susan Bier	Konocti USD
6.	Margie Bobe	Los Angeles USD
7.	Sherry Purcell	Los Angeles USD
8.	Anysia Drumheller	Butte COE
9.	Brenda Higdon	Contra Costa COE
10.	Sue Hamblin	Stanislaus COE
11.	Linda Davis-Alldritt	California Department of Education
12.	Cynthia White-Piper	San Bernardino City USD
13.	Robert Powell	California Speech-Language-Hearing Association
14.	Cathy Bray	Los Angeles COE
15.	Margie Rollins	Sutter COE
16.	Kevin Harris	Navigant Consulting Inc.
17.	Marna Metcalf	Navigant Consulting Inc.
18.	Gloria Eng	Navigant Consulting Inc.
19.	Kate Drummond	Navigant Consulting Inc.
20.	Julia Hanke	Navigant Consulting Inc.

Handouts

Each participant received a folder with copies of the following: Agenda, updated Paid Claims Issues Matrix, and Navigant Consulting's PowerPoint presentation. In addition, meeting participants received a copy of the LEA Workgroup Issue Track.

Purpose

The meeting was convened by the DHCS in partnership with LAUSD. The purpose of the Workgroup is to improve the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Program. The emphasis of the meeting is to strategize various goals and activities aimed at enhancing the Medi-Cal services provided on school sites and access by students to these services, while increasing federal reimbursement to LEAs for the cost of providing these services.

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Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS)

The mandatory CRCS submission deadline has been extended until further notice. LEAs will not be required to submit the first CRCS by November 30, 2007. LEAs should check the LEA website periodically for new deadline information for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 CRCS. The extension is due to the claims processing issues impacting FY 2006-07 reimbursements, as well as a shift of responsibility regarding who will input the reimbursement information into the CRCS. The State will no longer be entering the reimbursement data on the CRCS for the LEAs; inputting reimbursement data will now be the responsibility of each LEA. DHCS is in the beginning stage of determining how to provide LEA's with a report of their paid claims for the FY 2006/07 period so that they have the reimbursement information to enter on their CRCS. The paid claims issues must be resolved before the paid claims report is generated by DHCS. LEAs discussed various methods of disseminating the CRCS deadline extension to other LEAs, in addition to the delay being posted on the LEA website.

Action:

What: Determine the new FY 2006-07 CRCS submission deadline and notify the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Who: DHCS

When: ASAP

Action:

What: Post language regarding the extension of the CRCS deadline and the new CRCS due date on LEA website.

Who: Navigant Consulting, Inc.

When: ASAP

Action:

What: Provide CRCS deadline extension language to Workgroup members for dissemination via LEA email distribution lists.

Who: DHCS and Navigant Consulting, Inc.

When: ASAP

Action:

What: Document for DHCS how Workgroup members disseminate LEA Program information to other LEAs.

Who: Workgroup members

When: December 5, 2007

National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) Conference Update

Members briefly discussed attendance at various presentations at the 2007 NAME conference.

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Update on Federal School-Based Initiatives

Workgroup members discussed the proposed federal rule (CMS 2287) that would eliminate certain transportation costs and school-based administrative expenditures beginning in FY 2008-09. Workgroup members discussed potential impact on school-based funding and the LEA Program. Workgroup members encouraged individual LEAs to submit formal comments on the proposed rule by November 6, 2007. Workgroup members also discussed proposed federal rule (CMS 2261) that would amend the definition of Medicaid rehabilitative services. This ruling is not expected to affect the California LEA Program since the Program is under the "EPSDT Services" and "Other Services" sections of the California State Plan.

Claims Processing Issues

DHCS and Navigant Consulting, Inc. reported that progress is being made on the claims processing issues. Bi-weekly meetings between DHCS, Navigant Consulting and EDS will occur until the claims processing issues are resolved. The Workgroup was presented with updates and status on all outstanding claims processing issues.

Action:

What: Post claims processing issues and dates of expected resolution (when known) on the LEA website.

Who: Navigant Consulting, Inc.

When: Not specified

Action:

What: Send example CCNs for initial/triennial assessment denials due to lack of history to Navigant Consulting, Inc.

Who: Sue Bier

When: ASAP

LEA Workgroup Membership (LEA Issue Track #9)

Workgroup members discussed the lack of a formal process regarding Workgroup membership, including representation, ideal size and group composition. The Workgroup discussed outlining a process for handling requests to attend meetings, and whether the LEA Workgroup is subject to the Brown Act.

Action:

What: Review SB 231 legislation and research past and present Workgroup participants.

Who: Workgroup members, DHCS and Navigant Consulting, Inc.

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**Licensing and Credentialing Requirement for Non-Public School Providers:
Counselors**

Currently, the LEA provider manual states that licensed clinical social workers, licensed psychologists, licensed educational psychologists, and licensed marriage and family therapists must hold a valid license and a pupil personnel services credential in order to bill Medi-Cal for services. The Workgroup expressed concerns regarding the LEA provider manual overstating the statutory requirements defined in Education Code for non-public schools and agencies. Education Code requires the practitioner to hold a license or credential. Licensing and credentialing research and clarification has been requested by the Workgroup.

Action:

What: Research licensing and credentialing requirements for non-public school providers.

Who: Navigant Consulting, Inc.

When: ASAP

Action:

What: Define non-public school practitioner issues and email to DHCS.

Who: John Dicecco and Laura Baynham

When: ASAP

National Provider Identifier (NPI) Issues

LEAs are required to obtain a Type 2 NPI, which will replace their current LEA provider number. The Workgroup requested information regarding the necessity of Type 1 NPIs for individual service practitioners. Workgroup members expressed concern regarding individual practitioner NPIs, stating that it will be difficult to gain practitioner consent to include an individual's NPI on the claim form, due to malpractice insurance issues. Individual practitioners employed by the LEAs will not be required to register for a Type 1 NPI since they are a salaried employee of the LEA. Therefore, LEAs billing for services rendered by their own employees (who do not have an individual NPI) should leave the "Attending NPI" field blank.

Action:

What: Clarify LEA requirements for NPI and individual practitioner NPIs.

Who: DHCS

When: ASAP

Future Workgroup Meeting

The next Workgroup meeting will be held in Sacramento on Wednesday, December 5.